

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Pat YANANTON

Atty. Docket No. GC-463

Serial No. 10/033,862

Examiner: SHAW, Elizabeth

Filing Date: December 20, 2001

Art Unit: 3644

Title: ABSORBENT PAD FOR ENTRAPPING SMALL AND COURSE PARTICLES,
RETAINING LIQUIDS, AND ELIMINATING ODORSCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450COVER LETTER

Dear Sir:


The enclosed documents for a complete response to the Office Action of September 12, 2003, having a deadline for response with a one-month extension of time set for November 12, 2003, are being faxed to Art Unit 3644 on Wednesday, November 12, 2003. These documents were signed, dated, and mailed to the Patent Office on Monday, November 10, 2003; however, we have reason to believe that the documents mailed on Monday the 10th had insufficient postage and may not be received by the Patent Office. In accordance with Examiner Shaw's suggestion in a phone conversation on November 12, 2003, we are faxing the documents to insure that they are received by the due date.

The mailed documents included check number 5795 in the amount of \$55.00 to cover a one-month extension of time fee (a copy of which is enclosed). If necessary, please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0478 for any required fees as authorized on page 1 of the Response to Restriction Requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 12, 2003

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of September 12, 2003 having a one-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 12, 2003.

Enclosed herewith is a request for 1-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 12, 2003. Please charge any deficiency in fees for this matter to Deposit Account No. 16-0478.

Election of Invention

Applicant hereby elects Invention I, Claims 1-54 and 69, drawn to a deodorant pad or deodorant pouch, classified in class 119, subclass 169.

Election of Species

Applicant hereby elects Species A: Figures 1A-C, two layer pad.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER Under Small Entity Status				Attorney Check No: GC-463 FILE COPY		
Application Serial Number: 10/33,862		Filing Date: 12/20/2001		Examiner: Elizabeth Shaw		Group Art Unit: 3644
Invention: Absorbent Pad for Entrapping Fine and Coarse Particles, Retaining Liquids, and Eliminating Odors						
TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	69	MINUS	69	0	\$9	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	5	MINUS	5	0	\$42	\$ 0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>09/12/2003</u> to and through <u>11/12/2003</u> , comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month (\$55) <input type="checkbox"/> two months (\$200) </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> three months (\$460) <input type="checkbox"/> four months (\$720) </div> </div>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>55.00</u> is attached. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account _____. <input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.						
<u>Nov. 10, 2003</u> Date		<u>Kimberly O. Snead</u> Kimberly O. Snead Reg. No. 45,119				
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Enclosed herewith:

- ① Cover letter
- ② Amendment Transmittal
- ③ Response to Restriction Requirement
- ④ Copy of check # 5795 for one-month Extension

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